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Jonathan Cornish joined Fitch Ratings in 1998, is a Managing Director in the Financial Institutions group, and since September 2010 has been Head of the Hong Kong office. Jonathan assumed the position of Head of Bank Ratings – North Asia in February 2010 and is responsible for all bank ratings in China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Mongolia.

Jonathan moved to Fitch's Bank team following more than three years as a Senior Director in the Credit Policy Group, reporting to the Regional Credit Officer for Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Asia-Pacific. The first two years—which were based in London—involved oversight of all corporate and public finance analytical groups plus the sovereign analytical group, portfolio analysis, credit market research, as well as reviewing of rating criteria and methodology. The final year of Jonathan's tenure was served in Hong Kong, where his primary geographic responsibility was more confined to Asia-Pacific. There, he performed the same functions as in London, but with additional oversight of the structured finance analytical group.

Prior to joining the Credit Policy Group, Jonathan was based in Fitch's Hong Kong office for five years where he was a Senior Director in the Asia-Pacific Corporate Ratings Group and was Regional Head of the Telecom, Media and Technology analytical team. For the three years prior to that, he was based in Fitch's Brisbane office where he covered several sectors within the Australian corporate ratings market.

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Before joining Fitch, Jonathan was a corporate banking manager in Australia, most recently with ANZ Bank, and began his career as an accountant with the specialist insolvency practice Ferrier Hodgson Group, Chartered Accountants.

Jonathan has a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) degree from Queensland University of Technology and obtained his CPA qualification in Australia.